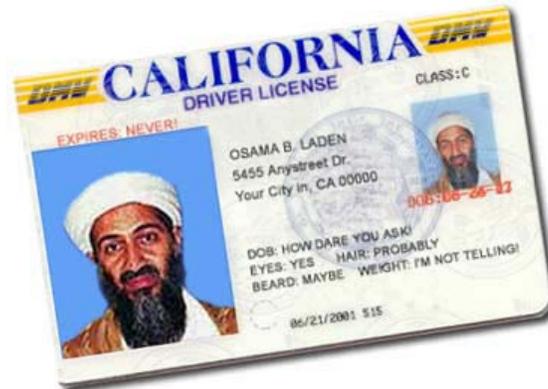


## ***Don't Reward States That Put National Security at Risk***



Dear Colleague,

As you know, the Governor of California -- the most populous state in the union -- has announced that he will sign a bill permitting the issuance of official state Driver's Licenses to illegal aliens. This move not only represents an impermissible intrusion by state government into one of the few policy arenas that are the exclusive responsibility of the federal government -- setting immigration policy -- it is also another example of misguided and cynical political pandering that could have disastrous consequences for the security of the nation.

California's action will have impacts far beyond its state boundaries. It could potentially enable millions of illegal aliens across America -- aliens whose identity is difficult to verify -- to obtain an identification card that will enable them to drive. It will also make it easier for people here illegally to obtain identification cards in other states, fraudulently register to vote, and board airliners.

In response, I plan to introduce legislation next week designed to withhold a steadily increasing percentage of highway apportionments from those states -- like California -- that have chosen to set up their own immigration systems by enacting laws that permit the issuance of official state identification cards or Driver's Licenses to illegal aliens.

Congress must reassert its Constitutional prerogative to regulate our borders by sending a strong message to states like California that they **do not** have the authority to confer **quasi-legal status** on people who are here illegally.

In a post-September 11th world, this Congress cannot allow one state's Recall Election politics to put the rest of the nation at risk.

Call Rikki Horton or Mac Zimmerman at x.57882 for more information, or to become an original cosponsor.

Sincerely,

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